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<u>AMENDMENT A</u>

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated September 16, 2003, having a term that expired on December 16, 2003. A petition for a 3-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Official Action up to and including March 16, 2004 is attached hereto. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as indicated on the following

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